



Rural District of Aysgarth



ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
AND THE
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
FOR THE YEAR
1966

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To the Chairman and Members of the Aysgarth Rural District Council.

Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report on the health of the District for the year 1966.

The vital statistics for the area do not differ greatly from those for England and Wales and do not call for any special comment.

Infectious diseases showed nothing of importance.

Problems connected with environmental hygiene remain the Council's major concern although progress has been made in providing proper sewerage and sewage disposal facilities. The proposed water supply scheme to serve the upper dale is still under consideration by the Northallerton and the Dales Water Board. Supplies have been adequate during the past year, but the quality has been very variable. Without an adequate clean water supply further progress is limited.

At the end of the year the Villages of Askrigg, Thoralby and West Burton had been sewered and the disposal works completed, some properties remain to be connected.

Finally I should like to express my appreciation to the Members and Officials of the Council for their help and co-operation during the year.

I am,

Your obedient Servant

H. Diggle
(H. Diggle)

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION ASTATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA(a) General Statistics

Area in acres	81,032
Population (Registrar General's Estimate of Resident Population Mid 1966)	3210
Population (1931 census)	4257
Population (1951 census)	3607
Population (1961 census)	3303
Number of inhabited houses (1951)	1209
Number of inhabited houses (1963)	1240
Rateable Value of District (April 1966)	£61869
Product of penny rate	£243

(b) Vital Statistics (as supplied by Registrar General)

	MALES			FEMALES		
	Total	Legit	Illegit	Total	Legit	Illegit
Live Births	18	18	-	24	23	1
Still Births	-	-	-	1	1	-
<u>Infant Deaths</u>						
Under 1 Year	1	1	-	-	-	-
Under 4 Weeks	1	1	-	-	-	-
Under 1 Week	1	1	-	-	-	-



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CLASSIFIED CAUSES OF DEATHCauses of Death

	Males	Females	Total
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	1	2	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung Bronchus	1	3	4
Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms	3	1	4
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	8	6	14
Coronary Disease, Angina	5	7	12
Hypertension with Heart Disease	-	1	1
Other Heart Disease	3	6	9
Other Circulatory Disease	1	-	1
Pneumonia	4	3	7
Bronchitis	3	-	3
Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	-	1
Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases	1	1	2
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	-	1	1
All Other Accidents	-	2	2
	31	33	64
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NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

It was not necessary to take action under Section 47 of the above Act which gives the Council power to remove to suitable premises, persons who are not able to devote to themselves and are not receiving from any other persons, adequate care and attention.

SECTION BGENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

The details of staff are given at the beginning of the report.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

Laboratory facilities are provided at the Public Health Laboratory, Friarage Hospital, Northallerton.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES

The North Riding of Yorkshire County Council supply ambulance services from their station at Bainbridge.

HOSPITAL SERVICES

Local Hospital accommodation is provided in Northallerton by the Northallerton Hospital Management Committee of the Newcastle Regional Hospital Board. In addition, a number of residents receive both in-patient and out-patient treatment at Lancaster and Bradford hospitals.

NURSING IN THE HOMES

The Home Nursing and Domiciliary Mid-Wifery service is under the general direction of the County Council, with the day-to-day administration being dealt with by the Wensleydale Area Local Health Sub-Committee. Three district nurse/midwives operate in the area.

DOMESTIC HELP SERVICE.

This is provided by the North Riding of Yorkshire County Council, the day-to-day administration being dealt with by the Area Health Sub-Committee through the Area Medical Officer.

SECTION CSANITARY CIRCUMSTANCESWATER SUPPLIES

Details are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Details are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Details are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.

SECTION DHOUSING

Details are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.

SECTION EMEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Details of this work and of meat inspection are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.

SECTION FPREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASESINFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED

	Males	Females	Total
Pneumonia	2	-	2
Measles	5	2	7

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S SECTIONINSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

A total of 1271 visits and inspections were made during the year.

	Inspections	Informal Notices	Complied With	Statutory Notices	Complied With
Council Work	372	-	-	-	-
Housing	101	5	4	-	-
Public Health Acts	240	3	2	-	-
Building Regulations	241	-	-	-	-
Improvement Grants	76	-	-	-	-
Slaughter Houses (for the purpose of meat inspection)	78	-	-	-	-
Water Supply	22	-	-	-	-
Food Premises	36	-	-	-	-
Petroleum Regulations	4	-	-	-	-
Rodent Control	21	-	-	-	-
Factories Act	7	-	-	-	-
Caravans	8	-	-	-	-
Planning	28	-	-	-	-
Refuse Collection	37	-	-	-	-

Refuse Collection & Disposal

In the Spring the Council engaged two additional workmen and the collection of refuse became the full-time concern of these two men. Refuse is now collected at 7 day intervals from the rear of premises over the greater part of this district.

The problem of tips, lack of tipping space and inaccessibility, continues to be one of our major problems.

Bacteriological Examination of Water Supplies

44 samples of water were examined by the Public Health Laboratory Service, 24 were reported satisfactory. No samples were submitted for chemical examination.

Total Number of dwellings in the Area	1296
Total Number of dwellings supplied from Council Mains	1117
Percentage of dwellings supplied from Council Mains	86%

The Water Board continued to chlorinate the larger water supplies by drip feeds set up in the service reservoirs, this has resulted in a considerable improvement in the bacteriological standard, and although almost half the samples examined showed contamination not so many as previously showed gross faecal pollution.

Northallerton and the Dales Water Board

No major shortages of water occurred during the year.

No start was made on the Fossdale scheme and at the time of writing it seems unlikely that a start will be made until 1968. I first took part in investigations into the feasibility of this scheme thirteen years ago!

The quality of the water remains the same.

Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955

There are 7 premises in the district which come within the scope of the above Regulations, they are as follows:-

Cafes	8	School Canteens	6
Public Houses	16	Fish & Chip Shops	1
Confectioners	5	Fishmongers	2
Grocers	22	Cheese Factory	1
Butchers	6	Hotels	3

It will be seen from the table of inspections that 36 visits were made to this type of premises.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODSMeat Inspection

All the meat inspected was from one private slaughterhouse in the district. Rather less beef was killed than last year. All the animals were young and prime quality, virtually free from disease. The hygiene of the premises continues to be of a high standard.

The total number of animals inspected was 336 and it was necessary to make 79 visits for this purpose.

The following table gives details of the food animals killed and the amount found to be unfit.

	Bull- ocks	Heif- ers	Total Cattl e (ex cludi ng Cows)	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	39	28	67	-	-	203	66
Number inspected	39	28	67	-	-	203	66
<u>ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCUL- OSIS AND CISTICERCOSIS</u>							
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	2	3	5	-	-	-	-
Percentage	5%	11%	7.5	-	-	-	-
Total Percentage	5%	11%	7.5	-	-	-	-
<u>TUBERCULOSIS only</u>							
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage	2.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>CYSTICERCOSIS</u>	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whole carcase condemned	Nil	-	-	-	-	-	-

The diseases affecting bovines shown in the first part of the table were parasitic in origin and involved the liver only, the rest of the carcase being un-affected.

The case of tuberculosis shown in the second part of the table consisted of clinical lesions in the bronchial lymphatic glands of a bullock and were reported as negative after biological examination

The two cases of *Cysticercus Bovis* shown in the last part of the table consisted of isolated and obviously degenerated cysts found in the heart and cheek muscles of bullocks.

SEWERAGETable showing houses connected to Sewers in the various Parishes.

Parish	Total Properties	To Sewer	Otherwise	Septic Tanks
Abbotside High	84	39	24	21
Abbotside Low	44	1	9	34
Askrigg L.A.	125	124	-	1
Askrigg N.L.A.	35	1	3	31
Aysgarth L.A.	56	56	-	-
Aysgarth N.L.A.	25	5	-	20
Bainbridge L.A.	88	88	-	-
Bainbridge N.L.A.	83	29	11	43
Bishopdale	12	-	8	4
Burton-cum-Walden L.A.	91	90	-	1
Burton-cum-Walden N.L.A.	30	-	13	17
Hawes L.A.	293	287	-	6
Hawes N.L.A.	142	64	26	52
Newbiggin	23	-	4	19
Thoralby L.A.	43	39	-	4
Thoralby N.L.A.	9	-	8	1
Thornton Rust	9	-	2	37
Carperby-cum-Thoresby	73	60	3	10
Total:	1295	883	111	301

A total of 81 non-domestic properties are connected to Council Sewers.

The Council continued to make charges for the reception into their sewers of farm effluent and no revision of the charge was made.

The Thoralby, West Burton and Askrigg sewage disposal works and sewerage schemes were complete, during the year it is a pleasure to report that all premises capable of being connected to the sewers within the villages were connected and so far as I am aware there remains only two houses in these three villages without a water closet.

The Council have now decided to prepare a scheme for the improvement of the Hawes and Gayle Sewage Disposal Works which has never been satisfactory since it was altered after the last War.

HOUSINGThe Housing Rent and Repairs Act, 1954, Section 1
(Housing Proposals)

The number of unfit houses in the District which are regarded as being unfit and incapable of being made fit was 68 at the beginning of the year, this was reduced to 63 during the year.

Housing (Financial Provisions) Act 1958 and the House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959.

The Council offered 5 Discretionary Grants amounting to £1716 and paid £2209 in respect of completed works. 14 Standard Grants were made and £2003 paid in respect of 15 Standard Grants completed during the year. These figures are much the same as last year.

New Council Houses

A pair of three bedroom houses were built at Aysgarth.

Housing Survey

The following table shows the classification of the houses inspected in the Rural Housing Survey.

Parish	Not Inspected	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	Category 5
Abbotside High	7	2	38	26	9
Abbotside Low	4	13	13	8	5
Askrigg	5	20	72	55	6
Aysgarth	4	27	30	17	4
Bainbridge	6	42	83	30	11
Bishopdale	4	-	7	1	-
Burton-cum-Walden	26	25	47	32	1
Carperby-cum-Thoresby	2	20	30	20	1
Hawes	22	116	180	93	23
Newbiggin	-	2	16	6	1
Thoralby	7	12	19	12	2
Thornton Rust	-	10	26	3	-
Total:	87	289	561	303	63
Totals for 1965	74	281	548	324	68

It will be seen from the above table that there has been a reduction of 26 in the number of unfit houses, of these 5 were regarded as incapable of being made fit at a reasonable cost. This decrease in the number of unfit houses continues because of the Improvement Grants which are available, and the increasing use of country cottages as weekend or second houses by people from the towns.

Rent Act, 1957

No applications were received for Certificates of Disrepair.

OVERCROWDING

(a) Total number of houses overcrowded at the beginning of the year	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
(b) Number of families dwelling therein	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
(c) Number of new cases of overcrowding	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
(d) Number of cases relieved	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
(e) Number of persons concerned in such cases	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

This table is arrived at by the amendment of a survey carried out many years ago.

HOUSING AND NEW BUILDINGS
Houses built by Private Enterprise

The table below gives details of houses under construction and those completed since 1945 in the various parishes.

Parish	Completed	Under Construction
Bainbridge	3	Nil
Hawes	9	Nil
Askrigg	6	2
Thornton Rust	4	Nil
Aysgarth	6	Nil
Low Abbotside	6	Nil
West Burton	4	Nil
Thoralby	1	Nil
Carperby	Nil	1
Total:	39	3

HOUSES BUILT BY AYSGARTH R.D.C.

Parish	To 31/12/66.	Under Construction
Hawes	44	-
Bainbridge	20	-
Askrigg	4	-
Carperby	6	-
Aysgarth	4	-
West Burton	2	-
Total:	80	-

Whilst an additional pair of houses have been built at Aysgarth, two have been sold to the occupants so the total of four remains the same.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936, BUILDING REGULATIONS

57 plans were considered during the year. Details are shown in the following table. 241 visits were made, an average of 4 visits per deposited plan.

Parish	New Houses	Alterations to Dwellings	Garages & Sheds	Cow-Sheds & Dairies & Piggeries	Alterations to buildings other than dwellings	Division of dwelling houses & conversions to same	Total
Hawes	-	8	1	1	2	1	13
Bainbridge	2	2	-	3	2	-	9
Askrigg	-	2	4	1	1	1	9
Carperby	1	1	3	-	-	-	5
Aysgarth	-	3	-	-	1	-	4
High Abbotside	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Low Abbotside	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Thornton Rust	-	1	-	1	-	-	2
West Burton	-	4	-	1	1	-	6
Thoralby	-	3	2	-	-	-	5
Newbiggin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bishopdale	-	-	1	1	-	-	2
Total:	3	25	11	9	7	2	57

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

We continued to experience damage and pilfering in the public conveniences, the indicating bolts in one convenience at Hawes, were renewed twice in the year.

RODENT CONTROL

17 visits were made during the year to Council and other properties.

The Council's sewers were baited and poisoned twice during the year. The sewage works and tips were dealt with as infestations occurred. The Council continue to supply rat poison free of charge to householders for use on domestic premises.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.
Part I of the Act

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	1	7	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	18	-	-	-
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
Total:	19	7	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

Particulars (1)	Number of Cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which Prosecution s were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1.).....	-	-	-	-	-
Over- crowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreason- able temperature (S.3).....	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6).....	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary convenience (S.7)	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient (b)	-	-	-	-	-
Unsuitable or defective..	-	-	-	1	-
(c) Not seperate for sexes..	-	-	-	-	-
Other Offences against the Act (not included offences relating to Outworkers)	-	-	-	-	-
Total:	-	-	-	1	-

There are no outworkers in the Rural District.

